

Mayor Hardie Davis, Jr.

Born to Hardie and Delois Davis, Hardie grew up in Forsyth, Georgia and relocated to Augusta in 1985. His parents instilled within him the values of hard work, respect for his fellow man and service to others.

Hardie holds a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering Degree from Georgia Tech and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from the Christian Life School of Theology in Columbus. In college, he began teaching bible study which prepared him to be founder and senior pastor of Abundant Life in Augusta, Georgia. Hardie's career includes 18 years of systems, automation and controls engineering. His public service spans 3 years as state Representative, 5 years as state Senator, and he is currently serving the second year of his first term as Mayor of Augusta.

A distinguished lawmaker while in the state legislature, Hardie served as Chairman of the Interstate Cooperation Committee and active member of the Economic Development, Ethics, Finance, and Higher Education Senate Committees. He has been recognized by numerous organizations and constituent groups, including Georgia Bio, The Georgia Chamber and the Georgia Association for Career and Technical Education.

During the first year of his tenure as mayor, Hardie has engaged Augusta as a My Brother's Keeper Community and launched the first Mayor's Summer Youth Employment program, which placed 70 youth in paid summer jobs and workplace skills training programs. He also recruited volunteers and partnered with the Richmond County School System to begin the Power Lunch Reading Mentor Initiative. He has also re-established a college credit based Mayor's Fellows Program. Hardie also began a Mayor's Office Hours program to take City Hall to Augustans in informal settings at small businesses within each Commission district. Hardie is committed to working with small business owners and hosted SBA officials for a small business roundtable to bring Augusta businesses technical assistance and resources for their operations. He also hosted the First Annual City of Augusta Easter Egg Drop.

While a senior in high school, he met Evett Plather of Valdosta. Married 20 years, Hardie and Evett are the proud parents of Benjamin Joshua Davis.